

## **Interior**

*Listed in alphabetical order by organization*

### **BioDiversity Research Institute, Maine Mercury Monitoring Network, Gorham, Maine – \$500,000**

To establish a Maine network to track mercury pollution, identify biological mercury hotspots, assess the impact of mercury emission policies, and protect human and ecosystem health in Maine. This would be a model for a National Mercury Monitoring Network that would help improve federal agency models with detailed observations of mercury pollution, as recommended by a recent Environmental Protection Agency Inspector General report.

### **City of Eastport, Sea Street Stabilization Project, Eastport, Maine – \$450,000**

To restore and protect Sea Street from further deterioration caused by tidal and storm damage, completing the work started on the adjacent waterfront land in 1980.

### **City of Hallowell, Hallowell Riverfront Park, Hallowell, Maine – \$250,000**

For completion of phase two of the Hallowell Waterfront Park project. This project will revitalize the connection between the City of Hallowell's businesses and traffic navigating the Kennebec River.

### **Four Directions Development Corporation, Native Business Innovation Center, Orono, Maine – \$480,000**

To develop a Native business and workforce development center that will provide a system of onsite experienced professionals in core aspects of business management, provide a fully equipped commercial grade manufacturing processing facility, and focus on market development.

### **Friends of Acadia, Acadia National Park Land Acquisition, Southwest Harbor, Maine – \$2,000,000**

For Acadia National Park to purchase a 39-acre parcel of land that is inside park boundaries, crossed by several trails, and adjacent to Lower Hadlock Pond, a public drinking water supply. The President's budget includes \$1,764,432 for this project and I encourage you to provide \$2,000,000.

### **Long Creek Watershed Management District, Long Creek Restoration Project, Windham, Maine – \$2,500,000**

To implement the Long Creek Watershed Management Plan, which will result in improved water quality of Long Creek and its watershed and the receiving waters of the Fore River and Casco Bay. Plan implementation will include construction, maintenance, inspection and monitoring of public and private stormwater management systems and in-stream and riparian restoration within the Long Creek Watershed.

**Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, West Grand Lake Community Forest, August, Maine – \$6,675,000 (Forest Legacy Program)**

To acquire conservation easements on 21,700 acres in Washington County, Maine to be held by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, ensuring sustainable forest management and public recreational access and to preserve and enhance the Maine timber economy and Grand Lake Stream's 180-year outdoor recreation heritage. This is the number one Forest Legacy project in the President's Budget request.

**Maine Department of Marine Resources, Penobscot River Economic Enhancement Project, Hallowell, Maine – \$2,000,000**

To support ancillary needs of Penobscot River ecosystem restoration efforts that will improve economic opportunities for business along the river and improve water quality. The money will be matched by state partners.

**Resources First Foundation (RFF), Information Technology Infrastructure, Yarmouth, Maine – \$100,000**

For RFF to host, maintain, and update Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Wildlife Programs information. RFF has built and maintains the largest conservation data bases in the U.S. which provide service to working landscape owners and the businesses they depend on.

**Saint Joseph's College, Milfoil Infestation, Mitigation, Eradication, Research and Education Initiative, Standish, Maine – \$500,000**

To address the milfoil infestation problem that plagues nearly 30 Maine lakes, through a program of education, research, and mitigation. This project is to be conducted in partnership with Maine Lakes organizations, the State Department of Environmental Protection and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Town of Sanford, Environmental Clean-up of CGA Contaminated Site to allow for Economic Development, Sanford, Maine – \$800,000**

To excavate, transport, and dispose of contaminated soil to allow for redevelopment of the property. Failure to eradicate the contaminated material could threaten the water source for a town consisting of 26,000 residents.

**Town of Stockton Springs, Wastewater Collection & Treatment Facilities, Stockton Springs, Maine – \$500,000**

The project will consist of the construction of a centralized wastewater collection and treatment facilities for the downtown village of Stockton Springs. The wastewater facilities would serve approximately 1,000 existing and future residential, commercial, and municipal businesses sewer users.

**National Requests:**

**Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) - \$2 billion**

This is the President's requested level. This funding is critical to helping communities continue upgrading their water infrastructure to meet Clean Water Act requirements without resorting to high user fee increases. The EPA estimates that America's water and wastewater treatment systems have a funding gap of \$300 to \$500 billion in the next 20 years. Congress recognized this great need with Recovery Act funding and I urge you to continue this investment in the regular appropriations process.

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) - \$1.3 billion**

This is the President's requested level. In March 2009, the EPA projected that the total nationwide drinking water infrastructure need is \$334.8 billion over 20 years (2007-2027). Again, while Congress made a good start with Recovery Act funding for this program, we must continue strong support for DWSRF to protect our citizens from unsafe drinking water.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Funding - \$50 million**

The LWCF stateside grants program has helped states and local communities to develop outdoor recreation facilities, parks, and resources in all 50 states. In 2007, the National Park Service reported that states estimated their unmet need for outdoor recreation facilities and parkland acquisition at \$15.6 billion. Additionally, 42 of 50 states meet only 20 percent or less of their total estimated need for local outdoor recreation facilities and parkland acquisition. I urge you to provide at least the President's requested level of \$50 million for LWCF stateside grants.

### **National Estuary Program –\$32.6 million, with \$800,000 designated for each estuary**

In 1987, Congress created the National Estuary Program (NEP) at EPA to restore designated estuaries of national significance. There are 28 estuaries in the NEP, including Casco Bay and the Piscataqua Region in Maine. FY 2010 appropriations provided NEP \$32.6 million, and directed that \$22.4 million of that amount, the equivalent of \$800,000 for each of the 28 NEPs, be directed to these programs in the field. I urge you to maintain that level of funding and the \$800,000 directed for each NEP in the FY 2011 Interior Appropriations bill.

### **Rural Water Technical Assistance, EPA Training and Technical Assistance – \$16.8 million**

Increased regulation requires local water districts, schools, parks, mobile home parks and small businesses to perform compliance sampling for contaminants such as arsenic, uranium, nitrates, as well as for bacteria. The EPA Technical Assistance program provides these small systems with the support they need to maintain compliance. I urge you to include \$16.8 million for this assistance program.

### **U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Research Institutes – at least \$6.5 million.**

Water Resources Research Institutes were established by Congress in 1964 and in 2006 were reauthorized through 2011. The Institutes are funded through the U.S. Geological Survey, with one Institute in each state. These Institutes provide vital research, public information, and educational opportunities on water availability, pollution, and use issues nationwide.

### **Water Research Foundation - \$5 million**

Since 1983, the Water Research Foundation, a nonprofit organization, has received money from EPA's Science and Technology Account to collaborate with EPA on research authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Foundation helps water utilities by providing science and technology research to enhance management of our drinking water resources. With funding from subscribers and the federal government, it generates research that has made it a trusted resource of drinking water management information. I urge you to provide \$5 million for the Water Research foundation.